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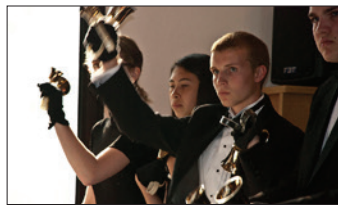
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Remembering Leland Boren

Member of Taylor community passes away

Gabby Carlson & Chrysa Keenon
Co-Editors in Chief

Leland Emerson Boren passed away the morning of Nov. 23.

According to the statement emailed out by President P. Lowell Haines, Boren passed away peacefully in his sleep. He was able to spend time with his 100-year-old sister prior to his passing.

Boren was a very successful businessman. According to the Chronicle-Tribune, he has been president, chairman and chief executive officer of Avis Industrial Corporation for the last 35 years, after it merged with the company Boren was president of, Upland's Pierce Governor Company, Inc.

Boren was a member of the Taylor and Upland community in more than one way. He brought a multi-million dollar company to the community and invested in several Taylor presidents. According to the Chronicle-Tribune, Boren donated to many individuals and organizations, as backed many student and administration efforts at Taylor. However, throughout it all, Boren wanted to remain anonymous.

President Emeritus Eugene Habecker spoke about his friendship with Boren.

"In my years of travel, positions of leadership, and interactions with many distinguished leaders in many parts of the world, Leland Boren was one of the most amazing persons I've ever met," Habecker said. "He was an encourager, he was a wise confidant, and he was never shy about challenging me to do better. . . He modeled all of the attributes of grace, strength, hope, perseverance,

courage, hospitality, and joy in his personal life from his personal disciplines and habits to the stewardship of the financial resources with which the Lord entrusted him. Whether over the multiple meals we shared together or simply along the way, Leland was always teaching, always exhorting, always gracious. Simply put, he made us better persons and me a better president."

Habecker explained how his favorite chapel service was when Boren and musician Bill Gaither let Habecker interview them as they showed the audience of students the importance of generosity in their lives.

Students may recognize the name "Boren" as the name of the LaRita Boren Campus Center. Boren was married to LaRita for many years, and according to the Chronicle-Tribune, Boren would consider marrying LaRita the greatest accomplishment in his life.

"We rejoice that he is now with his loving wife LaRita and in the presence of the Savior he loved," Habecker said.

LaRita passed in February 2011 after a brief illness. He had the barns down the road painted pink for her, when she said she missed the Oklahoma sunset's reflection on her childhood red barns.

Boren held four honorary doctorates from Taylor University, Ball State University, Indiana Wesleyan University and Anderson University and a degree from Ivy Tech Community College.

"As I mentioned in my prior message, despite our loss, we praise the Lord with hearts filled with thanksgiving for Leland's life and ministry among us," said Haines in an email. "We ask your continued prayers for the family and for all who knew and loved him."

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Photograph provided by Jim Garringer

Leland Boren will be remembered across campus as an influential member of the community.

- Visitation will be held at Avis Industrial Corporation headquarters, 1909 South Main Street in Upland, on Friday, November 30, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 4:00–7:00 p.m.; and again on Saturday, December 1, 10:00–11:00 a.m. prior to the funeral service at Rediger Chapel/Auditorium on Taylor's campus.
- The funeral will be held at Rediger Chapel/Auditorium on Saturday, December 1, 11:00 a.m.
- Interment will be at Jefferson Cemetery for immediate family only.

Taylor raises staff wages one percent

Pay raises given to faculty and staff

Cheri Stutzman
Staff Writer

Taylor University has announced one percent wage increases for all Taylor faculty and staff, coming in effect Jan 1, 2019.

In an email President P. Lowell Haines sent to faculty and staff, he announced that the wages of all employees would increase 1 percent this coming year.

Taylor has been consistently giving employees wage raises, for the past five to six years they have been at one percent. As Stephen Olson, Vice President of Business and Finance said, Taylor recognizes that living costs go up every year. They want to ensure that employees are given the resources they need to combat those rises.

Taylor employs about 400 people



Photograph by Tim Hudson

Taylor faculty members gather for a weekly meeting.

full time and 200 part time. The budget for these come to about 60 percent of the total budget. Olson said this seems like a lot but employees are the people who make Taylor what it is.

"Employees are what drive Taylor really," Olson said. "They help

make this place, which is a good and high-quality education for students."

However, the decision was harder to make this year. Despite a large freshman class bringing in a lot of revenue, there was a slight decrease in returning students and transfers.

But, Taylor believes their employees are an important part of making the school what it is and still decided to provide them with the raise, despite the deficit.

"Increasing wages in the midst of a budget deficit can seem counter intuitive, but we believe that you, the employees of Taylor, are a vital part of securing a bright future for Taylor," Haines said, addressing Taylor employees.

This year Taylor also changed the timing of when they raised wages.

In years past, the raise began the beginning of June. But this year it was postponed until January so the university could calculate how much revenue they would receive from the year. With that information, Olson said, they can make better decisions on what they want to spend money on and employees are one of the things they want to take care of.

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Continued learning on Title IX

Improving the process and increasing awareness

Abigail Roberts
Staff Writer

This coming Monday, Dec. 3 Taylor is holding its first informational session for students on Title IX.

In light of a growing social movement around campus sexual assault, gender identity and discrimination, universities are focusing and spending more time on Title IX training and resources.

All Taylor University staff, professors and employees were required to undergo an hour-long Title IX training the week of Nov. 12. In the last Title IX training three years ago, attendance was encouraged, but not required.

"Campus safety is a critical piece

of our community," Title IX Coordinator Jesse Brown said. "Having an environment that responds to instances of sexual assault or harassment is very important to us."

Title IX was originally enacted as federal law in 1972. It's rules and regulations prevented gender discrimination in college athletics, as the NCAA at the time held no scholarships and no national championships for women's teams.

Today, Title IX, as a federal civil rights law, forbids a university's discrimination on the basis of sex in programs and activities. Sexual harassment, including sexual violence, is also prohibited by Title IX.

"It's a way of thinking about consent differently, what does consent look like?" Special Assistant to the President

Ron Sutherland said. "It is not only employee to employee, but student to student, when thinking of Title IX."

Respecting Title IX can look like taking little steps such as uncovering office windows that are blocked or asking questions that ensure students feel safe such as, "Would you like the door open or closed?"

In addition, many Taylor classes include personal journal entries. How should professors respond to Title IX cases discussed in written journal responses? Title IX training seeks to answer those questions. It also teaches professors how to ensure safe environments while hosting students in their homes or traveling with students.

"It's important for individuals on campuses, both men and women, to know what laws pertain to them," sophomore



Photograph provided by LinkedIn

Dean of Students Jesse Brown is also the Title IX director.

Kassidy Hall, PA in Swallow Robin Hall said. "Yes, Title IX applies to issues such as rape, but it is also enforced over jokes and teasing about another person's gender. The root goal . . . is to create an environment where someone's gender is not to be taken advantage of."

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Students from Myanmar to Taylor

Tae Aye and Hsi Hsi Poe share their stories

Grace Hooley
Features Editor

Taylor has a large number of international students that make up the student body. About 10 of these students originate from Myanmar (or Burma). Two of these students with a story of their own are sophomores Tae Aye and Hsi Hsi Poe.

Both students grew up in Thailand refugee camps. Aye’s family stayed for 10 years before they moved to the U.S. Poe remained there for eight years until her family moved to the U.S. July 19, 2005.

“I was born in Thailand at Umphang’s hospital in a town called Umphang, but not a citizen of Thai since my parents did not hold Thai citizenship,” Poe said. “And Thailand is not like the States where the child is granted citizenship via natural born in the country.”

Living in the refugee camp for Aye was challenging. Her family did not have a stable home, and they did not have access to a good food and water supply.

During her time in the refugee camp, Poe did not see hope for an education, career or good life. She still remembers when her father would collect aluminum cans on the street to earn extra money to afford snacks for her family, since he was only making about 200 baht (less than \$10) a month as a teacher in the refugee camp.

“My parents had to flee from Burma due to ethnic cleansing (still going on now in Burma),” Poe said. “However, God provided everything for my family and I.”

It was not easy for Poe’s family since they did not have any friends or relatives in the U.S. She remembers not having anything when they came to Indianapolis. Her parents understood some English since they were only able to graduate from high school due to the war, but Poe believes God provided them with friends through the First Baptist Church of Indianapolis, which they now call their home church. The church helped her parents find jobs and helped her enroll in school.



Photograph by Ellie Bookmyer

Sophomores Tae Aye and Hsi Hsi Poe are thankful for their opportunities at Taylor.

Aye started school as a fourth-grader. She had to adapt quickly to a different environment, home, language and culture.

“Living here is one of the greatest blessings,” Aye said. “I am able to live without fear, get a good education, live in cozy homes, and being able to have fun with my friends in ways that I wouldn’t be able to have if I was still living in the refugee camp. When I leave Taylor, I want to be able to go back to Thailand and Burma to serve in many ways that God wants me to.”

After coming to Taylor, Poe has felt deeply blessed by the education department. She is especially thankful for professor of education Cindy

Tyner. Poe considers her like a godmother or her second mother. She also appreciates professors of education Alexis Armstrong, Tammy Mahon and Carol Sisson. They are her prayer warriors.

When Aye graduated from high school, she went to Ivy Tech Community College for two years. After this, she wanted to transfer to a Christian environment, so Taylor was the only school she applied to.

“Taylor is a community that is rare to find in any universities,” Aye said. “It is the greatest blessing and opportunity to grow and learn at a university like Taylor. It opens doors for so many opportunities, and it has

made me more of an open-minded person to dive deeper into my faith.”

While both students are grateful for their time and place here, living in the U.S. and Taylor are not the easiest things to do. Both students have faced trials with the culture from time to time.

They also see Taylor as a great community with people that care and are willing to hear their story.

“It is not as easy or comfortable even here at Taylor,” Poe said. “There are still brokenness. However, I am grateful for the few friends, who had become brothers and sisters . . . being a refugee will always be apart of my identity.”

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Where does all of the Taylor University tuition go?

The mysteries of the tuition explained

Tim Pietz
Contributor

“I came for a visit, I fell in love with the place, I saw the tuition price, and I had a heart attack.” That’s how junior Sean Quillen describes his first experience with the financial side of Taylor University.

“Where does it all go?” asked senior Hope Bolinger. “I’ll just see not a whole lot of things have changed (on campus) but then all of a sudden tuition will go up every single year.”

Bolinger added that she wished Taylor was more transparent about where money is going — and many other students share her questions.

According to Stephen Olson, Taylor University’s Vice President for Business and Finance, Taylor’s staff and faculty cost 60% of the budget. Still, many of Taylor’s staff and faculty don’t earn as much as they would at a community college.

“So there’s a lot of people here who are working here sacrificially because they care about Taylor, they care about our students, they care about kingdom purposes, and so on, so they want to make that sacrifice financially,” Olson said.

While Taylor’s amount per salary may be smaller, its number of employees is higher in certain areas compared to other colleges.

“Taylor’s a very people-oriented place,” Olson said. “We’re not an online college, so our money isn’t purely on technology platforms, it’s in people costs. That’s why there’s a resident



Photograph by Jackie Hilger

Taylor tuition costs \$43,000 a year.

hall director in every dorm and there’s a lot of people in student development and a lot of people in the faculty. We believe in full time faculty rather than a lot of adjunct faculty. But those decisions and that philosophy requires a financial commitment.” Olson said Taylor’s order of expenses are people, facilities, technology, and then everything else left over. Those top expenses — particularly people and facilities — are difficult to trim down.

Olson describes laying off necessary staff or faculty as shortsighted. It puts Taylor in the position of either trying to hire those people

again a year later or trying to limp along without them. But cutting back on facility maintenance has its own penalties.

“The easy ones are the ones you end up paying for later on,” Olson said. “So I can go ahead and cut the budget for maintenance on a building with relatively little pain this fiscal year—and I can get some big money out of that, too, to make the budget balance. But that doesn’t help when next year or five years down the road that piece of equipment or that wall or that roofing system is in failure mode now and I’ve got to pay more to get it fixed on an emergency basis.”

When asked about expenses students often overlook, Olson immediately named the dining program. Providing a variety of options is expensive, and since Hodson is all you can eat, many people take more than they need. All that waste is costly. Paying for all these costs can be a heavy burden on students, but Taylor’s financial aid programs are dedicated to making Taylor affordable. “When you look at our scholarships, it would appear they are all or mostly merit-based, and yet, probably out of our whole institutional budget, 65% of our money is going to help meet a student’s need,” said Tim Nace,

associate vice president of financial aid.

According to Nace, the average Taylor student pays \$24,000 out-of-pocket after scholarships and grants but not accounting for loans. What’s more, 98% of students receive some form of financial aid.

When Quillen received his financial award letter, he was shocked.

“I literally dropped the paper and bawled like a baby,” Quillen said. “I was just so overwhelmed.”

Thanks to a cultural diversity scholarship and need-based grants, Quillen was able to attend Taylor. He even earned an academic scholarship part-way through, which further eased his financial burden.

Examples like Quillen’s captures the goal of Taylor’s financial leadership: to provide students a high quality Christ-centered education. The struggle is maintaining the quality of that education without raising financial barriers to students.

For Olson and Taylor’s other financial leaders, making these decisions isn’t just business, it’s emotional.

“We really want the Taylor education to be affordable and accessible for everyone who wants it,” said Olson. “And we recognize that \$43,000 a year — that’s a sticker price, basically—is not an easy number for many families. Totally recognize that. I’d want students to know just how hard we grapple with that decision, to keep the price where it’s at or to raise the price. You know, it’d be wonderful if it was \$15,000 — that’d be great! But it’s not going to happen. It’s just not reality.”

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The dorm friendly recipe book: Christmas edition

Festive treats for all your holiday needs

Kassidy Weemhoff
Life & Times Co-Editor

The whirlwind of the Christmas season is upon us (literally). Amidst the hectic open house prepping, exam studying, post-Thanksgiving working out and Silent Night anticipating, you need to take a snack break. It's important to take time to warm up with an elevated version of pizza rolls or sit in front of your favorite Christmas film with a bowl of snack mix, trust us.

We've compiled a collection of easy recipes to create in your dorms for any occasion whether it be a late night study sesh or a Friendmas celebration. We want you to take advantage of these next few weeks and spread some cheer by snacking loud for all to hear.

In this edition of dorm-friendly recipes, we are bringing you a host of scrumptious treats almost as heavenly as the host in our favorite

Christmas story. If you want cheap, easy ways to celebrate the holiday season with your closest pals or that special someone, you don't have to travel through the Peppermint Forest or over the Sea of Swirly, Twirly Gumdrops to find them. Just read here!

M&M Pretzel Bites
Ingredients:
70 Square Pretzel Bites
70 M&Ms
70 Hershey Hugs (You can buy the 12 oz package and have a little extra to snack on.)
Instructions:
Preheat oven to 200 degrees. Line cookie sheet with parchment paper and place pretzels on the cookie sheet with an unwrapped Hug on top of each pretzel.
Bake for 4-5 minutes.
Take them out and place one M&M on each soft Hug. Press down and let set in the fridge for 5 minutes. Enjoy!

White Christmas Snack Mix
Ingredients:
2 bags of white chocolate chips
1 box of Rice Chex
16 oz bag of mini pretzels
1 bag of Christmas M&Ms
2 cups peanuts
Instructions:
Melt chocolate chips in microwave safe bowl for 30 second increments, stirring between each. Stir until fully melted.
Add the cereal, pretzels, ¾ of the M&Ms and peanuts into a large trash bag. Close and shake for a few seconds to mix the ingredients.
Add the melted chocolate to the bag and shake until everything is coated.
Spread out on a pan to dry and sprinkle the rest of M&Ms over the top. Serve in a big bowl and enjoy in front of your favorite Christmas movie.
Recipe provided by dinnerthendesert.com.

Pull-Apart Christmas Tree
Ingredients:

1 lb of refrigerated pizza dough
7 mozzarella sticks
¼ cup melted butter
½ cup finely grated parmesan
1 tbsp thinly sliced basil
1 tbsp chopped parsley
1 tbsp chopped rosemary
Marinara sauce for serving
1 Egg whisked with water
Instructions:
Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. Cut mozzarella sticks into 1 inch pieces and set aside.
Flour your surface and divide the dough into two pieces. Stretch each piece out into a rectangle and cut into 3 inch squares.
Wrap a dough square around each piece of mozzarella, forming a tightly sealed ball. Place balls seam-side down on the baking sheet in the shape of a Christmas tree (they should be touching). Brush egg wash on dough balls and bake until golden, 15 to 20 minutes.
Meanwhile, whisk together melted butter, Parmesan and herbs. Brush on baked pizza balls. Serve

warm with marinara for dipping.
Recipe provided by delish.com.

Christmas Superfood Bark
Ingredients:
200 grams or about 1 ½ cups of dark chocolate
¼ tsp of vanilla extract
2 tbsp shelled pistachio nuts
2 tbsp goji berries
1 tsp shredded coconut
Instructions:
Line an 8x8 (or any available pan) with parchment paper.
Warm up the chocolate in the microwave in 30 second increments, stirring between each. Add in the vanilla and stir until smooth.
Pour the chocolate into the pan and put the pistachios, goji berries and coconut over the top, arranging it in an aesthetically pleasing way.
Put in the fridge for 30 minutes until it is set, and cut into pieces.
(Side note: you can put any toppings you like, but the red and green make it look festive.)
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A ministry funded by prayer

Local organization you can get involved in today

Lauren Rink
Life & Times Co-Editor

Two hours of your time per week could actively make a difference in the lives of struggling high schoolers in need of a positive influence.

The Red Barn is a youth ministry located just over one mile from the bell tower on campus. The mission of this ministry is to provide high school students with a safe place to hang out before and after school where they can be shown the love of Jesus and build healthy relationships.

The Red Barn is managed by Troy and Liz Shockey, a married couple who felt the pull to minister to adolescents in the Grant County region. The Shockeys have dedicated their lives to this ministry and spend each day pouring into it.

Students who attend The Red Barn are able to come from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. any day that the Eastbrook schools have class. The students who come are encouraged to play games, eat snacks and mingle with volunteers and other students. Those who attend have the freedom to use the time as they please and are able to leave whenever they would like.

They have never held a fundraiser or had to ask for donations. Each week, a shopping list is made and shared by email with people and churches in the community. They simply pray and trust that the Lord will provide for them, and God is always faithful in providing people to deliver the things they need each week.

The ministry began in a run-down print shop, but God proved faithful, and they were able to move to The Red Barn facility on June 6, 2005. They have been in The Red Barn for 13 years now and have



Students from Eastbrook High School can attend The Red Barn every day of the school week.

enjoyed every minute of it.

Volunteers are encouraged to get to know students personally and share about the Gospel and their faith with the high school students. On Thursday nights, there are short Bible studies for students to attend.

Sometimes they do not see the direct impact of their ministry, but the Shockeys trust that the work they do is impacting the hearts of the students.

"Even if we never hear back from them, that doesn't mean we won't see them in heaven," Liz Shockey said.

The Shockey's favorite memory associated with their ministry occurred during one of their most popular events. The Red Barn ministry puts on a yearly lock-in event for students to attend. This lock-in is designed to foster an atmosphere where students can hear the Gospel and have an opportunity to choose to be saved.

One year, of the 150 students at the event, around 40 students made first time commitments to follow Christ. That year is one of the fondest memories of Troy and Liz. It is moments like that one that makes the work worth it for them.

Many of the students who attend The Red Barn have been through so many difficult things. Their number one ministry is to reach the kids and show them the love of Jesus.

"We are trying to reach the kids who wouldn't go to church anywhere," Troy Shockey said. "That's the core thing we're trying to do . . . build relationships with them so they see that Christians are okay."

The Shockeys have endless stories of how they have seen God working in their ministry. They love seeing how lives change and how God impacts the hearts of the students who come to The Red Barn.

The Red Barn is constantly looking for college volunteers who are willing to show up and love on the students for a couple hours. Volunteers can come once per week from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. or as often as they prefer. The role of a volunteer is simply to hang out with the students and get to know them.

To get involved at The Red Barn or to learn more about their ministry, email troyandliz@eiwifi.com or call The Red Barn at (765) 998-7018.
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Busy is not always better

Drew Shriner
Editorial Consultant

Most Taylor students' lives, particularly at this point in the semester, are characterized by stress, worry and a flurry of reading, writing and studying.

However, I think we can all agree that this is not the preferred way to live. Rather than constantly living in a flutter from one thing to the next, we would likely prefer to live slowly, calmly and in control.

In pursuit of this, Erik Hayes, associate professor of kinesiology, assigns a reading entitled "An Unhurried Life" by Alan Fadling. While I have not had Hayes as a professor, and this reading has never been assigned to me, I am grateful that it was passed along by students who did have it assigned by him.

Thanks to this reading, I spent much of this semester seeking a less hurried life, and as this time of the semester has rolled around, I have found myself feeling less stressed and more in control.

In the reading, Fadling describes what he calls "hurry sickness." This is our culture's constant need to move faster: fast-food, two-in-one shampoo and conditioner, pizza delivery. Yet, as Fadling concludes, all of our work to move faster has only caused us to feel time-poor.

I notice myself in this trap as well. At the beginning of this semester, I was unprepared for my workload and quickly fell into rushing about from one task to another, not giving my full attention or effort to most of them.

My relationships with my friends, my wing, my girlfriend and my God all suffered drastically. I realized that I had to slow down.

It is important to note here that slowing down does not equate to being lazy or not busy. We do not need

to have nothing to do; we need to do those things which we do have to do without hurry.

Fadling points to Jesus as the example of an unhurried life par excellence. Jesus often had much to do, but he always remembered to slow himself down enough to maintain his connection with the Father and to be able to give love to those who needed it.

There are two known antidotes to the disease of hurry, according to Fadling: slowing and solitude.

Slowing is the process of deliberately choosing to place oneself in a situation requiring patience. Drive the speed limit. Chew your food 15 times before swallowing. My personal favorite has been to scrub my hands well when I wash them and then use the hand-dryer until they are actually dry. (The hot water feels really nice when it's so cold out, so this may be a little easier than some others.) These things are a little counter-intuitive. They take an intentional effort. The effort is well worth it, however.

Solitude is the process of deliberately removing oneself from the unnoticed "forces of society that will otherwise relentlessly mold us," according to Fadling. Though it seems counterproductive, I have found that even 15 or 20 minutes of solitude or silence can be extremely rejuvenating. In these moments, one can slow down, simply breathe and reorient oneself with oneself. Rather than following the movements of the world around, in solitude one can be alone with God, listening only to him without competition from the glut of voices usually surrounding us.

By slowing down, by living unhurried, we can better navigate these periods of busyness with less stress. I think that is something that we all would benefit from.

Keep crockin'.
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The Weekly BACHELOR AND BACHELORETTE

Bailey Spiegel

Freshman:
Bailey once was hospitalized after dropping an oversized bowl of spaghetti on his foot.



Emma McIntosh

Freshman:
"My only pet was a fish that I let die in 20 hours"

HUMANS OF TAYLOR U



Carly Wheeler

Contributor
When real experiences are embodied on stage

Senior Sara Bergen sat reflectively, pondering how to describe the pain of her lowest point on that unusually hot October day: the day she walked from Taylor to Chipotle.

"My feet are ripping open and bleeding onto my white tennis shoes," Bergen said. "My shoulders are being weighed down by [my] backpack. I'm thirsty. My feet are aching like I'm walking on nails. My neck is killing me. The sun is scorching on us, but there's nothing in front of us, it's just miles and miles of country road."

Towards the beginning of this semester, Bergen and her roommate, senior Rachel Breuer, sat on their couch and simply wondered: what exciting thing could they do that would create a good memory? Remembering back to their freshman year when two Taylor students walked to the Ohio border, they felt inspired by the challenge of walking a great distance. They soon knew that was exactly what they wanted to do, and Chipotle was their worthy destination.

They conducted much preliminary

research on things they needed to know before making the 35-mile trek to Kokomo. They found out how much water they should be drinking, how much food to bring, the best shoes to wear, other medical supplies they would need, what the weather was going to be like that day, and they even found a couple other friends to join them on their journey.

In the days leading up to the walk, they finished last-minute preparations. They mapped out their route and drove it, hiding two large water jugs along the way. They bought Clif bars and medical supplies, and they even got Chipotle to sponsor free meals for them when they reached their destination.

They set out at 5:45 a.m. on Oct. 6 with high spirits. The first two hours were the easiest, but when the sun rose and grew warmer, their feet felt heavier.

"After mile 11, that's when it really started hurting," Bergen said. "Some people's feet went numb. Others weren't so lucky."

The members of the group all began to see the extremity of their personal ailments, and problems with knees, hip flexors and plantar fasciitis plagued each step on the flat, Indiana asphalt. Blisters covered Bergen's feet, and they still had many miles to go.

They took various breaks to rest,



Photograph provided by Carly Wheeler

"My shoulders are being weighed down by [my] backpack. I'm thirsty. My feet are aching like I'm walking on nails..." - Sara Bergen

eat and change bandages, but the pain medication stopped helping, so they resorted to playing loud music and forcing conversation to pull their attention away from the pain.

After the group stopped for a long rest around mile 25, they were surprised by the sudden change in the air.

"Suddenly, around mile 30, it started pouring," Bergen said. "And we were so happy because it was the first time that we had a distraction from the pain. I was like, 'thank you, Jesus!'"

The last few miles dragged by until they finally turned onto the busy road where Chipotle sat. Eyes on their goal once again, they ran towards the restaurant.

Bergen and two of her friends pushed through their perceived limits farther than they ever could have imagined, and in the end, they made it. No energy left to stand and pain searing through every muscle, they entered Chipotle and received their free burritos.

Q: Where do you see the value in sharing stories?

Sharing this story specifically, well for one, it can make people laugh, but also it can encourage them and show them that we're just normal people. We did something pretty wild — and we're proud of it and excited that we did it — but you can do anything you set your mind to. And I hope (this story) inspires someone to do something that they don't think they can do or they want to do but it might seem crazy, because it's really fun, and those memories last forever.

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Ring in the Christmas season

Cultural music proclaims ‘Noel’ this Christmas

It is time for Chorale’s Sing Noel

Elizabeth Hartmann
A&E Editor

Christmas has exploded onto campus. As the residence halls are oozing with pine trees, glittering lights and mistletoe, the music department is also kicking off the holiday season with Sing Noel.

This year, Sing Noel’s theme is “Christmas Around the World.” The past several years, including this one, have emphasized on international students and their languages, highlighting Bahamian Junkanoo, Mexican dance, African drums and ubuntu, Polish and Hungarian folk music, German traditions and Korean formal dance, among others.

This celebration of different cultures through music gives a unique and beautiful light to this holiday season and encourages people to look at the bigger picture during the holiday season.

“Music permeates our global culture,” senior Emily Zilz said. “Music transcends barriers of language, age, gender, ideology, race or creed. Music has the power to help us feel, cope, express and share. I hope that, when people leave Sing Noel, they feel seen and heard, experience peace and can rest in the joy of the Lord at a deep, soul level.”

Some of the songs featured this year will be “Keresimesi Qdun De



Photograph provided by JoAnn Rediger

The Chorale celebrates Christmas around the world.

O,” a Nigerian nativity song;

“Carol of the Bells,” sung by Taylor Sounds; “What Sweeter Music,” by British composer, John Rutter; and “Waltz of the Flowers,” from Igor Tchaikovsky’s Nutcracker Ballet. Kyle Romine (’00) will be directing the Woodland High school women’s choir who will be performing “This Christmastide.”

This year’s Sing Noel will have several other exciting features including, a Nigerian song that freshman Lauryn Terry, and sophomores

Daniel and Patience Korrie choreographed and a piece performed on handbells by Chorale members.

Starting in May, JoAnn Rediger, professor of music and director of Taylor Chorale and Sounds, begins selecting the repertoire for Sing Noel while the Chorale officers design and lead the preparation of the music and spoken text. Over the summer Rediger prays over each piece and says it must move her deeply in order for it to be chosen to be a part of Sing Noel. Each student

uses their talents and assigned job for the ear to prepare the program; many work with the maintenance, media and film departments.

Once all the words and notes are memorized, Sing Noel is only about 30 percent complete. They spend the rest of their rehearsals, developing the music into and even more meaningful and beautiful experience.

Senior Ryan Jones always looks forward to rehearsals. He enjoys that even after a bad day, he has

that hour doing what he loves with others of like mind. Rehearsals also reach beyond singing by incorporating devotional time and reflection of God’s grace and love into the practices.

Rediger has been leading the Taylor Chorale for 22 years, but since she is retiring at the end of the academic year, this is her final Sing Noel.

“The students have always been my greatest blessing, as individuals and as a choir,” Rediger said. “I am not looking forward to the last piece, since this will be my last Sing Noel. But I will be moved and gratified by each student’s individual effort and final performance.”

The students also adore their director and are quick to describe how encouraging and uplifting Rediger is.

As they work together one final time to present this year’s Sing Noel Performance to the Taylor community, they are passionate about creating an evening that will leave the audience and fresh sense of God’s universal and personal grace given in the nativity.

“‘Merry Christmas,’ says a small piece of the cosmic initiative God has taken on our behalf,” Rediger said. “Sing Noel helps us get outside of our small community of faith, to taste the worldwide kingdom.”

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Exploring a life in faith and miracles

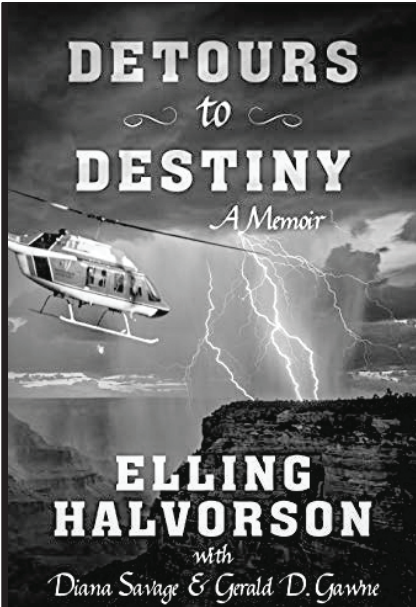
A tale of surprising salvation and relationship

Aubree DeVisser
Contributor

“Detours to Destiny” is a fascinating memoir of Elling B. Halvorson’s life as a businessman who also strived to pursue ministry in his work. Each chapter holds unbelievable, intriguing evidence of the tenacity and integrity that Halvorson has shown throughout his life.

He tells stories of Halvorson construction, a company he started in the early 1960s, which led him to complete a construction project in some of the deepest parts of the Grand Canyon. He describes the seven miracles that allowed him to survive a deadly helicopter accident in the Grand Canyon in 1965 and many other challenges and risks he has overcome.

Papillon Airways, a new business venture in the Grand Canyon which supplied helicopter tours of the



Photograph provided by Aubree DeVisser

Discover modern day miracles.

Canyon, was founded by Halvorson in 1965. Stories of high risk and seemingly impossible tasks fill this memoir and become an inspiration for the reader. From flying a plane over the Pacific ocean with no radio or radar

and a limited supply of fuel to punching in a road up Echo summit, this memoir offers story after story of intense real-life situations.

Halvorson also shares a time when he attempted to choose between ministry or business. However, he decided his work in business could be a ministry and it wasn’t a choice he had to make. His many detours are something he uses to represent the importance of God and family in the midst of life’s trials.

“Detours to Destiny” portrays Halvorson’s personal relationship with God. He offers countless examples of moments when he found himself alone, with nobody to comfort him but God. His dedication to allowing the job he loved to also be a form of ministry is a great reminder for everyone reading that God can use us right where we are. Halvorson’s love and respect for his family are inspiring for readers of any age to love unconditionally and keep family first.

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Ring in the Christmas season

Ringers perform their winter concert

Katie Pftzter
Contributor

At the mention of handbells, a few things may come to mind. Maybe a concert with an athletic display of bell-ringing prowess. Maybe that one episode of “New Girl” where Winston becomes a handbell savant. Or maybe all you can think of are the funny black gloves your roommate left on their desk that keep their instrument from getting all smudgy.

If some of these categories ring true, consider coming to the Ringers concert.

According to Eva Kwan, assistant director of music and director of the Ringers, the group is a handbell choir of about 15 members ranging from freshman all the way to seniors that has existed on Taylor campus since the 80s.

“I am personally impressed with what composers and arrangers can get into the music for handbells,” Kwan said. “That’s something that’s changed over the years.”

The handbell choir performs a variety of sacred music as well as pop and showtunes.



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Let your Christmas joy ring true with this concert.

Typical concerts consist of about five hymns and five pop songs.

Besides pop and showtunes, the handbells group will be performing pieces the broader audience may not have heard of such as two pieces with flamenco and Jamaican influences respectively.

Past concert pieces include “How Far I’ll Go” from Moana, the theme “The Pirates of the Caribbean,” a medley of songs from “Aladdin,” as well as a medley from “The Wizard of Oz.”

Sneak peeks from the concert include a medley from “Les Misérables” and “Believe” from the

Holiday classic “The Polar Express” according to junior Sonya Downing. Unfortunately, the original “Believe” singer, Josh Groban, will be unavailable to accompany them on vocals.

“‘Believe’ is my favorite song because it kind of sparkles,” said freshman Mandi Hall. She noted the addition of chimes adds a layer of Christmas magic to the piece.

The concert is Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall.

“Come to the concert,” Kwan said. “It will be a good study break for all of the students on campus.”

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C.S. Lewis and Friends Tea

Choral Evensong

Today — 4 p.m.

Prayer Chapel

Abigail Jo

Senior Design Exhibition

Today — 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Zondervan Library Galleria

TU Symphony Orchestra

“What’s in a Name?”

Dec. 3 — 7:30 p.m.

Rediger Chapel

Adoration Chorus & Strings

Dec. 6 — 7:30 p.m.

Recital Hall

Sing Noel

Dec. 1 — 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Euler Science Complex

Taylor Ringers Concert

Dec. 2 — 7:30 p.m.

Recital Hall

Piano Recital

Dec. 1 — 1:15 p.m.

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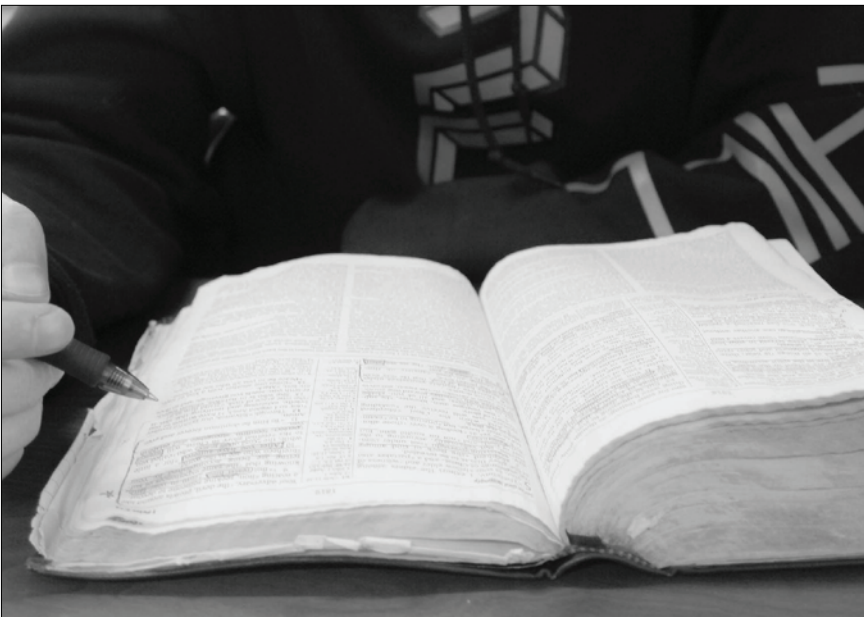
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Opinions Editor

The old adage goes, “Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.” Yet often in my own life, I find myself settling for spiritual “fish” rather than learning how to feed myself, but my enrollment in Taylor’s Inductive Study of the Bible (Inductive) has taught me how to reel in the theology and understanding on my own.

The modern church functions by giving “fish.” Sermons give nuggets of wisdom, Bible courses give abbreviated surveys and certain passages get special evidence. This approach can lead to significant spiritual enrichment, but it does little to actually prepare us to engage with the Bible on our own.

One of the most daunting aspects of Bible study can be figuring out where to start. Letting smarter heads dissect meaning from the Bible can be much easier than trying to understand it ourselves, but that only makes us more susceptible to false doctrine. Inductive teaches valuable tools that help us all overcome these challenges.

The course offers a look into the method used by biblical scholars the world over, and it also teaches you how to probe the minds of past scholars through the commentaries they left behind. Additionally, the course teaches you to do things like carefully observe the text, examine the book’s literary genre, properly discover the context of biblical events and compare your findings with your peers all for the sake of really finding what the



Photograph by Jerusha Lindsay

Students open their Bibles for study with the help of Inductive’s concepts.

Bible tells the modern believer.

“While the primary methodology we teach is basic (often packaged in different ways by different teachers), the course gets into other areas beyond the methods such as how to look for background issues, how to look at the overall context of the Bible, and how to properly apply the teachings of the Bible (one of the most valuable things from the course),” Michael Harbin, associate professor of biblical studies, said.

The tools Inductive teaches are invaluable, but it can be difficult to find time to add this class. I believe that if there is any way for it to be added, then it should be. I even believe it should be foundational core, but the other courses should be shuffled and changed in order to allow this to happen.

The value in the ability to find truth in the Bible for one’s self cannot be overstated. It increases the independence of the believer, and it helps the church guard against false teachings. “It’s an empowering class, in a way,” Greg MaGee, chair of the biblical

studies, christian ministries and philosophy department, said.

And of course it empowers because it links us directly to the very word of our God, and it equips us to find what it truly says to us.

One student did manage to find time for the class, and she believed it was beyond valuable for her Christian walk.

“Learning to study the Bible effectively is a skill all Christians need for life, because God’s word is central to our growth in the grace and knowledge of Christ,” Senior Kelly Gruendyke said, “That makes this class valuable to those of us who aren’t Bible/Christian Ed. majors.”

I hope these past thoughts have encouraged our lovely readers to think about adjusting their course schedule for the next few years, but if it hasn’t, the methods and skills taught in Inductive will transform experiencing Scripture, and they can still be learned elsewhere. However, it makes a lot of sense to use the amazing resources available right here in Upland.
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Our View Covering up the KSAC

A discussion on the recent KSAC dress code

At the start of the semester, new dress code posters were added to the Kesler Student Activities Center (KSAC).

According to Kelle Maloney, KSAC student activities director, these posters are present to act as a reminder of the dress code, not a notification of a change in it.

“As the school year approaches, there’s incoming freshman coming in, and sometimes, you know, we just need those gentle reminders, when the weather is warm and we’re wearing a little less clothing, that we’re a Christian community and basically adhering to our Life Together Covenant (LTC) and our mission statement at Taylor,” Maloney said.

Rather than issuing a written reminder for incoming freshman and transfer students, Maloney said that the visual representation of the dress code policy would be a quick display of facility expectations.

With this in mind, THE ECHO Editorial Board decided to discuss the dress code in the KSAC.

Dean of Students, Title IX Coordinator and Community Life Committee Leader Jesse Brown said the dress code was representative of many of the Christian values outlined in the LTC. More specifically, Brown cited the student handbook’s statement on the University dress code.

“The spirit of this standard of dress would incorporate the following Biblical principles: desire to

glorify God in everything, responsibility to fellow Christians, consideration of others and sensitivity that we not offend in any way and reflection of our personal standards as ‘new creatures in Christ,’” the handbook says.

The handbook also sets overarching guidelines about physical displays of modesty across campus. For example, bare midriffs are prohibited aside from swimming for men and women and some athletic activities for men. This is reflected in the KSAC’s dress code visual, which displays several prohibited shirt styles that show midriffs.

In addition the dress code’s faith basis, both Brown and Maloney pointed to its practicality, saying that gym dress code is a reasonable expectation that most collegiate and public facilities hold for their members.

As an Editorial Board, we agree having a dress code is an appropriate standard for living in a community. For both men and women, dressing modestly is an avenue to honor God and others.

However, the Editorial Board believes the dress code should be more clearly expressed and discussed. While the graphic is fairly clear on the permissible silhouette of clothing, other factors are completely unaddressed. For example, short length, tightness of clothing and sheerness are never referenced. To fully affirm the KSAC’s dress code, there would first have to be a clear outline of what is and isn’t allowed.
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A treasure hunt for introvert space

A student shows how Taylor is geared for extroverts



Sonya Downing
Contributor

Dorms. The student center. Euler’s seating areas. The couch clusters in Zondervan, Nussbaum and Rupp. Extrovert space overflows from Taylor like gold and jewels from a treasure chest, but where is the introvert space? Is there any?

“It seems true that introverts often need to be alone to recharge, if I could say it that way,” Professor of Psychology Mark Cosgrove said. “They need more quiet to feel the rewards of Dopamine. Extroverts recharge in social settings,”

I, an introvert, embarked on a treasure hunt for introvert space. Before I could start, though, I needed a definition — a map — of what I was looking for.

Introvert expert and bestselling author Susan Cain collaborated with Steelcase Office Furniture Solutions to design introvert-friendly rooms. In Steelcase’s article “The Quiet Ones,” Cain stated introvert space must provide permission to be alone, user control over the environment, sensory balance and a sense of being protected from the world.

First, I explored English Hall. Dorm rooms seem like the obvious place to look, but closed doors don’t provide permission to be alone. Even during the day, your roommate or friends can pop in whenever they’re feeling chatty.

Senior Hope Bolinger, former English resident, tried to avoid this problem by choosing a dorm known for being

quiet. Instead, her floor was so loud she couldn’t think. English drained Bolinger because the constant noise intruded on the four of the needs Cain described.

My travels brought me to Nussbaum and Euler next. They’re fairly empty during school hours, and the quiet is appealing, but these areas aren’t tucked out of sight. This lures introverts into exposed places where that one friend who thinks headphones mean “come talk to me!” can spot them.

The student center is fool’s gold, too, but it doesn’t fool anyone because it’s crowded. If introverts can’t find a table, let alone a couch in a quiet corner, they feel like they don’t have control over their space.

The crowd also makes the student center loud. Since introverts can’t request people to pipe down the way they can in dorms, students in need of quiet time definitely can’t find it there.

The two prayer chapels shine like diamonds to introverts; they’re empty all day and all night. The Sickler chapel’s seclusion, adjustable lighting and comfortable pews are every introvert’s dream come true. The Memorial Prayer Chapel’s rooms are great, too, but said rooms get hot in the summer and cold in the winter.

Another impurity in these gems is that occasionally, a couple may walk in on you, or vice versa. Depending how drained introverts are that day, they may or may not want to risk the ensuing awkwardness to attain their bounty.

The library, though less private, still twinkles with peace and quiet. Bolinger often seeks its refuge. Not only does the first floor feature desks hidden far in the back, but the upstairs study rooms give introverts the motherlode: a force field against the world, overstimulation and talkative friends.

For all their beauty, these priceless jewels have one fatal flaw: they’re popular. Bolinger can seldom find an empty one to recharge in.

Taylor may be a treasure trove of space, but introverts can only enjoy a few measly pieces of the booty. The popularity of the prayer chapels and study rooms shows that Taylor students value quiet places, but there simply aren’t enough to go around.

Until Taylor finds a cost-effective way to change that, Bolinger advises introverts to crash a friend’s apartment and make introverted friends. From there, they can do what college students do best: make the best of what they have.
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Junior Deborah Settles spends reads in a rare quiet spot.

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A student exercising in her clothing of choice.

Men’s and women’s cross country persevere

Maddawgs crack top-3, while jarheads claim 16th

Clay Sidenbender
Staff Writer

Taylor cross country overcame health issues and made history at the NAIA National Championships. Women’s cross country (Maddawgs) took third place and the men (Jarheads) finished 16th place at nationals.

Maddawgs finished at highest place in program history and eight points shy of a win. The Jarheads placed inside the top 20 for the fifth straight year.

“We talk about, you know, how can we bring glory to God through our sport and I think there’s a variety of ways you can do this,” Quinn White, the women’s cross country head coach, said. “But this (achievement) is an opening right now and He’s the one who got us through, so we have to make sure that’s very clear.”

A Maddawg runner ended up in the hospital for several hours over a health concern. The women’s team spent the remaining hours before the meet praying and refocusing on Christ.

White declined to reveal what the health issue was and the identity of the individual. He said the individual recovered and ran in the meet. The team faced high emotions going into race day.

“My biggest mindset was now not, ‘How are we going to do at the meet?’, but, ‘Is this individual going to be okay?’” White said. “And, ‘Will the other girls be . . . given a



The Taylor Women's Cross Country team poses with their awards after claiming third place at Nationals.

clear mind in refocusing?’ And if they couldn’t, I understood.”

Other teams at the NAIA National Championships suffered in performance because of health. Wayland Baptist University (WBU) in Texas held the NAIA number one spot until the last week. When their top runners went down, WBU was upset by 10th-ranked Oklahoma City University.

WBU fell to 10th in the NAIA and placed ninth in the NAIA National Championships.

“With the amount of talent we have on this team, it’s disappointing,” Brian Whitlock, WBU men’s and women’s head coach said on the WBU athletics website.

The Maddawgs faced a similar issue, but responded differently. In response, the Maddawgs broke the fastest team time in program history at 90:29. White could not have been more thankful for his team’s performance.

Both teams did not expect the course to be so fast. Four of the

seven runners broke personal best times, including sophomore Sarah Harden. She set a new program record for the fastest individual time at 17:46.5.

“Everyone started a little bit slower I think,” senior Alex Berends, Maddawg runner, said. “So, our team intentionally got out fast. I was pretty close to the front for the first mile, which I wasn’t expecting.”

The five runners on the men’s team shaved off their best times

too. Sophomore Josh Roth, Jarheads runner, ran a personal record and Taylor individual season record at 25:18.3.

Senior Landry Long continued his time-shaving streak, cutting 55 seconds to make another personal record. Lance Vanderberg, Taylor men’s cross country head coach, pointed out Long’s maturation this season.

“As a team we didn’t have a great day at conference,” senior Ben Byrd, Jarhead runner said. “So, it was good to be able to bounce back and feel like we had a good day at nationals and ending on a good note.”

Byrd and junior Jarhead runner Hunter Smith felt their own performances could have been better. Vanderberg did not put any blame on anyone and praised his team’s performance.

Vanderberg said that the team gave its all even though not everyone ran the perfect race.

“There’s nothing to be overly upset about because if people didn’t have the race that they want, then we have very clear reasons why.”

The only obstacle the men’s team faced this season was their health. If the team was healthier, Vanderberg said the Jarheads would have been better. At the end of the day, they did the best they could.

Five Jarhead seniors and eight Maddawg seniors finished their last collegiate meet. A new day is coming for the women’s team, but the men retain 19 runners. The cross country athletes will be back in January for the indoor track season. echo@taylor.edu

Woman’s basketball faces ranked teams in NAIA

Mentality deciding factor in both games

Alec Tebben
Staff Writer

The Taylor women’s basketball team got one win and one loss in the NAIA Showcase last weekend. The Trojans faced two ranked teams on a neutral court. Both games went to overtime.

Taylor fell to Southeastern University on Friday, Nov. 23 by a score of 72-73. Southeastern had six players who transferred from Division I schools, so the Trojans knew they would have to play a defensive game. Rebounds would be important for getting to the offensive side of the court.

“It was a mentality thing,” senior Lacey Garrett said. “We knew if one person was making mistakes that it was going to affect the whole team, so just having that mentality of everyone has to do their job, especially against a good team like Southeastern, and just able to stay locked in as we were, that’s what kept us ahead of them for the first half.”

The Trojans’ mentality dropped somewhat in the third quarter. Southeastern came back in the second half, outscoring the Trojans by 15 points to send the game to overtime. The Trojans fought back but were unable to secure the win.



The Taylor Women's Basketball team bench cheers in its teammates during a home game this season.

When the Trojans faced the University of Rio Grande the next day, they were eager to bounce back.

“After losing a huge lead like that, we could have just shut down the rest of the time we were in Tennessee, and just said, we’re just not good enough to compete, but that’s not true,” Garrett said. “And so, we proved that against Rio, and we still made mistakes, but our mental toughness was there.”

“Everybody stayed mentally tough for the most part against Rio, and we went to battle, and we came out with the win”

The Trojans were able to get several of Rio Grande’s players into foul trouble. This helped the Trojans, who are good at shooting free throws, gain an edge over

their opponents.

The Trojans also played a more aggressive game against Rio Grande. Rather than letting themselves grow comfortable, they pushed to get every next point.

“Everybody stayed mentally tough for the most part against Rio, and we went to battle, and we came out with the win,” senior Kendall Bradbury said. echo@taylor.edu



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12/1 Spring Arbor 3 p.m.
12/4 Huntington (A) 7 p.m.
12/7 Grace Christian 6 p.m.

MEN’S TRACK AND FIELD

12/1 Q Elite Half Marathon (A) All Day
12/1 Mastodon Open (A) 11 a.m.




WOMEN’S BASKTEBALL

12/1 Spring Arbor 1 p.m.
12/5 Huntington (A) 7 p.m.

WOMEN’S TRACK AND FIELD

12/1 Mastodon Open (A) 11 a.m.

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11/20 Bethel	L 80-74
11/27 Marian	W 80-71
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Women’s Basketball	
11/20 Bethel	L 61-57
11/23 Southeastern	L 73-72
11/24 Rio Grande	W 86-78
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